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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: SAIGON-HANOI LIAISON FLIGHT

1. I HAVE LEARNED THAT SOME CONSIDERATION HAS BEEN GIVEN WITHIN THE PENTAGON SUGGESTING SOME CHANGES IN THE CURRENT SAIGON-HANOI LIAISON FLIGHT. I AM VERY MUCH OPPOSED TO ANY CHANGES WHATEVER IN THE CURRENT ARRANGEMENTS FOR THIS LIAISON FLIGHT, INCLUDING ANY SUBSTITUTION OF EQUIPMENT.

2. WITH SOME DIFFICULTY, WE ARE NOW ATTEMPTING TO PERSUADE THE RVN NOT TO TAKE FURTHER RESTRICTIVE ACTION AGAINST THE PRG/DRV

DELEGATIONS IN SAIGON. THIS IS PARTICULARLY HARD SINCE THE PRG STATEMENT ISSUED AT THEIR PRESS CONFERENCE LAST SATURDAY IN EFFECT PRESENTED AN OPEN CALL FOR THE OVERTHROW OF THE GOVERNMENT. IT WILL HARDLY CONTRIBUTE TO OUR EFFORTS TO HAVE THE GVN EXERCISE CONTINUING RESTRAINT UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES SHOULD WE PROVIDE THE PRECEDENT BY MONKEYING IN ANY WAY WITH THE CURRENT ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE HANOI FLIGHT.

3. I RECOGNIZE THE DEGREE OF IRRITATION AND FRUSTRATION AT CURRENT DRV/PRG INTRANSIGENCE BUT I THINK FOR THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE IT IS CLEARLY IN U.S. INTERESTS TO LIVE WITH THE

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SITUATION AND I, THEREFORE, REQUEST THAT ANY THOUGHT OF

CHANGES IN CURRENT ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE HANOI-SAIGON LIAISON
FLIGHT BE POSTPONED FOR THE TIME BEING.
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